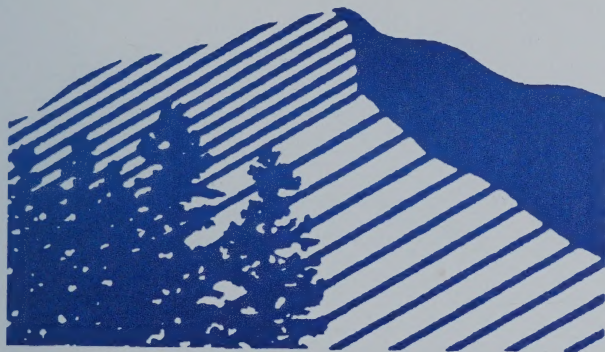


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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## OFFICERS

OF THE

# Town of Waterville Valley, N.H.

YEAR ENDED

## December 31, 2000

## IN APPRECIATION

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A community is so much more than a group of people interacting in a common locale ... the spirit of those people uniting to improve their individual quality of life through enhancing their surroundings is essential to the fabric of a true community. There are so many ways that a spirit of community is manifest - through volunteerism, participation, awareness, consideration, and physical or financial support. We are all fortunate that Waterville Valley epitomizes this intangible spirit of community, and have yet another tangible example to point to.

Out of the sadness of the recent death of Dick Mitchell a joyful dream is becoming reality. Mr. Mitchell's children approached the Town with a desire to create something lasting - both in remembrance of their parents and to share the joy they shared with family and friends in the Valley. This dream is emerging through the park and playground near Packard's Field.

With the initial financial contribution of the Mitchell family, Kim Worthley, Recreation Department Director, developed a plan that placed critical reliance on the participation of the entire community. As hoped, the community rallied to the cause. The level of participation was so incredible that it is not possible to name everyone who took part, but each person's participation was critical in seeing the dream become a reality - whether it was support through the fundraising events or making oftentimes substantial financial contributions, each effort from the smallest to the largest is equally important and greatly appreciated.

Phase I of the dream was realized late last fall with the installation of the centerpiece of the playground equipment. Phase II is outlined in more detail later in this Report by the Recreation Department. Plans are in the works for having a dedication celebration for the park over Memorial Day weekend - and we hope everyone will join us for this true community event.



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# **TOWN OF WATERVILLE VALLEY MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**\*\*Thomas A. Corcoran, Chairman 2002**

W. David Pike - 2001

Marilyn O'Connell - 2003

**MODERATOR**

Donald Jasinski - 2002

**TOWN CLERK**

Marianne Gorwood - 2001

**TREASURER**

Joan Sweeney - 2001

**TOWN MANAGER**

Mary Williams - Appointed

**TAX COLLECTOR**

Mary Williams

**FOREST FIRE WARDEN**

Bruce W. Andrew - Appointed

**DEPUTY FIRE WARDEN**

Jim Gray - Appointed

**HEALTH OFFICER**

Alfred W. Burbank, Jr. - Appointed

## **SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST**

Joan Sweeney - 2004

Nancy E. Baker - 2002

Nancy Gray - 2003

## **LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Nancy Gray - 2003

Joan Sweeney - 2001

Nancy E. Baker - 2002

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Connie Falconi, Chairman - 2003

Judy Dwyer - 2001

Jackie Schwartz - 2003

Susan Brunvand - 2002

Sandy Larsen - 2001

Charles Turner - Alternate

## **PLANNING BOARD**

Donald Jasinski, Chairman - 2003

Bruce M. Andrew - 2001

Patricia Reynolds-Jung - 2003

William Feather - 2003

W. David Pike, Ex officio

Marianne Gorwood - 2001

Beth B. Upton - 2002

Alternates:

Daniel O'Connell - 2003

Danielle Morse - 2002

Ray Kucharski - 2001

DeWitte T. Kersh, Jr. - 2002

## **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Thomas R. Gross, Chairman - 2003

Bruce M. Andrew - 2002

Tor Brunvand - 2002

Timothy Rosewarne - 2001

Nancy E. Baker - 2003

Alternates:

George Haliday - 2002

Judy McKenna - 2003

John J. Mellon - 2001

## **TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

Daniel O'Connell, Chairman

Patrick Wasilewski

Tom Gross

Anna McIntyre

Michael Levin

Tom Humphrey, Alternate

W. David Pike, Ex officio

# **TOWN OF WATERVILLE VALLEY MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS**

## **TOWN OFFICE**

Mary Williams - Town Manager  
Rachel M. LeBlanc - Bookkeeper  
Donald Jasinski - Building Inspector  
Alison Farina - Administrative Assistant

## **MUNICIPAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

Charles W. Cheney - Superintendent, Water/Highways/Maintenance  
Timothy M. Kingston - Superintendent, Wastewater/Solid Waste  
Richard J. Merrill  
Wayne E. Superchi  
Greg A. Campbell  
Arthur C. Joyce, Jr.

## **RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

Kim A. Worthley, Director  
Kattie McKinnon  
Rob Day  
Daniel Newton

## **ICE ARENA**

Ralph Trinquet, Manager  
David E. Gyger, III, Assistant Manager

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY POLICE DIVISION**

Tom E. Smith - Chief  
Alfred W. Burbank, Jr. - Deputy Chief  
John F. Foley, Jr. - Captain  
Frederic James, III - Officer  
Chad E. Blake - Officer  
William H. Main - Officer

### **Part-time Officers**

Casino Clogston  
Clinton Hutchins  
Kevin Maes  
Scott McNeil  
Timothy Rosewarne  
Jeffrey Stone

## **FIRE DIVISION**

Bruce M. Andrew - Chief  
Alfred W. Burbank, Jr. - Deputy Chief  
Tom E. Smith - Captain  
John F. Foley, Jr. - Captain  
Timothy R. Rosewarne - Lieutenant  
Frederic James, III - Officer  
Chad E. Blake - Officer  
William H. Main - Officer

### **Volunteers**

Candace Andrew  
William Bowen  
Lee Bruno  
Casino Clogston  
Tom Dubey  
William Feather  
S. Mark Fistick  
Jim Gray  
Alfred N. Hunt  
Patrick O'Donnell  
Cliff Mask  
Scott McNeil  
John Montiero  
Ramon O'Hara  
Paul Quinn  
Leslie Rosewarne  
Timothy Rosewarne  
Jeffrey Stone  
Susannah VonIlderstine



## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL DIVISION**

Alfred W. Burbank, Jr. EMTI - Director  
Timothy R. Rosewarne, EMTI - Assistant Director  
Tom E. Smith - EMT  
John F. Foley - EMT  
Frederic James, III - EMT  
Chad E. Blake - EMT  
William H. Main - EMT

### **Volunteers**

William Feather EMT	Scott McNeil EMT
Casino Clogston EMTI	Leslie Rosewarne EMT
Charles King EMT	Jeffrey Stone PARAMEDIC
Karen McComiskey EMT	Susannah Vonlderstine RN, EMT
Joseph A. McComiskey EMT	S. Marc Fistick EMT
Brenda Warren EMT	

### **MEETING TIMES OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Board of Selectmen:	2nd and 4th Wednesday of Month, 8:30 a.m. Rust Municipal Building
Planning Board:	2nd Thursday of Month, 8:00 a.m. Rust Municipal Building
Conservation Commission:	2nd Monday of Month, 9:00 a.m. Rust Municipal Building
Library Trustees:	1st Thursday of Month, 4:00 p.m. Osceola Library
Board of Adjustment:	As applications require, 7:00 p.m. Rust Municipal Building
Transit Authority:	2nd Friday of Month, 8:00 a.m. Rust Municipal Building
Town Office:	8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday Rust Municipal Building



## **THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Waterville Valley in the County of Grafton and the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Rust Municipal Building in said Waterville Valley on Tuesday, March 13, 2001, polls to open for voting on Articles 1, 2, and 3 at seven o'clock in the morning and to close no earlier than two o'clock in the afternoon at which time action will be taken upon the remaining articles on this warrant.

**Article 1:** To elect for the ensuing year the following Town Officers which appear on the official town ballot: Selectman, Treasurer, Town Clerk and Library Trustee.

This article will be acted on by official ballot.

**Article 2:** Are you in favor of amending the existing WATERVILLE VALLEY ZONING ORDINANCE (Article III, Section C, Paragraph 74b, Accessory Use) as proposed by Petition as follows:

### **Current Language:**

Use - Use of property allowed under this Ordinance in a particular district, it includes construction, establishment, maintenance, alteration, moving onto, enlargement, and occupation.

b. ACCESSORY USE - A use customarily incidental and accessory to the principal use located on the same lot.

### **Proposed Language:**

Use - Use of property allowed under this Ordinance in a particular district, it includes construction, establishment, maintenance, alteration, moving onto, enlargement, and occupation.

b. ACCESSORY USE - A use customarily incidental and accessory to the principal use located on the same lot. Sidewalks, trails, roads, utilities and drainage structures are allowed in all zones as accessory uses and may serve either the property on which they are located or adjacent properties, regardless of zone.

Following a public hearing on January 11, 2001, the Planning Board voted to not recommend this article. This article will be acted on by official ballot, majority vote required.

**Article 3:** Are you in favor amending the existing WATERVILLE VALLEY ZONING ORDINANCE (Article IV, Section E, Paragraph 1a(7), Uses By Right) as proposed by Petition as follows:

**Current Language:**

1. USES PERMITTED - All uses in REC District shall be directly related to recreational activities. A person shall not use any premises in a Recreation District except as hereinafter specifically permitted.

a. USES BY RIGHT

(7) Day facilities for recreational activities, including day schools

**Proposed Language:**

a. USES BY RIGHT

(7) Day facilities for recreational activities, and day and boarding schools, including boarding school dormitories, staff housing and dining facilities.

Following a public hearing on January 11, 2001, the Planning Board voted to not recommend this article. This article will be acted on by official ballot, majority vote required.

**Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to accept River Road as a Class V town road on such terms and conditions as are acceptable to the Board of Selectmen.

Majority vote required.

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$45,000 for the purpose of acquiring fire fighting equipment, vehicles and personal protective gear through a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant program and authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend grant money from FEMA in an amount of \$450,000 so that \$45,000 is raised by local property taxation.

This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen, majority vote required.

**Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,466,830 for general town operations during the ensuing year.

Municipal Services Department	\$427,058
Wastewater	209,746
Water	91,738
Solid Waste	125,574
Public Safety Department	401,762
Police	325,939
Fire	35,410
Medical	40,413
Ice Arena	242,872
Recreation Department	181,659
Highway Department	104,983
Building & Grounds Maintenance	77,829
Town Boards, Commissions & Agencies	19,100
Planning Board	6,000
Conservation Comm.	2,500
Osceola Library	2,000
Transit Authority	1,500
Town Officer Salaries	6,350
Town Officer Expense	750
Town Administration	527,697
Employee Benefits	295,467
Town Office Expense	163,932
Building Inspection	6,220
Insurance	37,665
Dues & Memberships	13,885
Special Events	6,000
Hospitals & Health Care	4,528
Outside Services	77,000
Independent Auditor	3,500
Legal Expenses	5,500
Post Office	24,000
Property Appraisal	2,500
Transit System	37,500
WVAIA - trails	4,000
Debt Service	379,370
Principal Payment	235,000
Interest- scheduled	99,370
Interest - TAN	45,000
Coalition Communities' Fund	7,500
Contingency	20,000
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	\$2,466,830



**Article 7:** To hear the report of agents, auditors and committees of officers chosen and to pass any vote relative thereto.

**Article 8:** To transact any other business as may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this 23rd day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand One.

The Board of Selectmen

Thomas A. Corcoran, Chairman  
W. David Pike  
Marilyn Lyng O'Connell

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that we have caused a true copy of the Warrant and Town Budget to be posted at the Town Office Building, the Post Office and the Elementary School on February 23, 2001.

The Board of Selectmen

Thomas A. Corcoran, Chairman  
W. David Pike  
Marilyn Lyng O'Connell

# TOWN OF WATERVILLE VALLEY PROPOSED 2001 OPERATING BUDGET

	2000 Budget	2000 Expenditure	2001 Budget Request	% + or - Expended	% + or - Budget
Municipal Services Department	\$ 386,500	\$ 382,923	\$ 427,058	12%	10%
Wastewater Treatment	\$ 196,846	\$ 195,115	\$ 209,746	7%	7%
Water	\$ 80,362	\$ 78,259	\$ 91,738	17%	14%
Solid Waste Disposal	\$ 109,292	\$ 109,549	\$ 125,574	15%	15%
Public Safety Department	\$ 429,984	\$ 412,279	\$ 401,762	-3%	-7%
Police	\$ 372,149	\$ 371,950	\$ 325,939	-12%	-12%
Fire	\$ 33,000	\$ 24,565	\$ 35,410	44%	7%
Medical	\$ 24,835	\$ 15,764	\$ 40,413	156%	63%
Ice Arena	\$ 227,060	\$ 213,120	\$ 242,872	14%	71%
Recreation Department	\$ 150,171	\$ 151,663	\$ 181,659	20%	21%
Highway Department	\$ 78,255	\$ 83,067	\$ 104,983	26%	34%
Buildings & Grounds Maintenance	\$ 57,512	\$ 58,308	\$ 77,829	33%	35%
Town Boards, Commissions & Agencies	\$ 15,050	\$ 12,595	\$ 19,100	52%	27%
Planning Board	\$ 5,200	\$ 2,299	\$ 6,000	161%	15%
Conservation Commission	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,147	\$ 2,500	118%	150%
Osceola Library					
Board of Trustees	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	0%	0%
Transit Authority	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500	100%	100%
Town Officer Salaries	\$ 6,350	\$ 6,350	\$ 6,350	0%	0%
Town Officer Expenses	\$ 500	\$ 799	\$ 750	-6%	50%
Administration	\$ 449,847	\$ 462,954	\$ 527,697	14%	17%
Employee Benefits	\$ 222,070	\$ 235,345	\$ 295,467	26%	33%
Town Office Expenses	\$ 158,690	\$ 159,457	\$ 163,932	3%	3%
Building Inspection	\$ 5,700	\$ 5,632	\$ 6,220	10%	9%
Insurance	\$ 31137	\$ 31562	\$ 37,665	0%	4%
Dues & Memberships	\$ 13,796	\$ 13,801	\$ 13,885	1%	1%
Special Events -					
July 4 fireworks	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,633	\$ 6,000	7%	0%
Hospitals & Health Care	\$ 4,454	\$ 4,524	\$ 4,528	0%	2%
Outside Services	\$ 80,500	\$ 799380	\$ 77,000	-3%	-4%
Independent Auditor	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	0%	0%
Legal Expenses	\$ 5,500	\$ 8,080	\$ 5,500	-32%	0%
Post Office	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,000	0%	0%
Property Appraisal	\$ 6,000	\$ 2300	\$ 2,500	9%	-58%
Transit System	\$ 37,500	\$ 37,500	\$ 37,500	0%	0%
WVAIA - trail maintenance	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	0%	0%
Bonded Debt	\$ 404,435	\$ 397,624	\$ 379,370	-5%	-6%
Principal Payment	\$ 250,955	\$ 245,262	\$ 235,000	-4%	-6%
Interest -					
scheduled bonds & notes	\$ 115,480	\$ 114,362	\$ 99,370	-13%	-14%
Interest -					
tax anticipation notes	\$ 38,000	\$ 38,000	\$ 45,000	18%	18%
Operating Subtotal					
Special: Coalition Communities Fund	\$ 20,000	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	0%	-63%
Contingency	\$ 12,000	\$ 11,163	\$ 20,000	79%	67%
Total Proposed Operating Budget	\$2,311,314	\$ 2,272,576	\$ 2,466,830	9%	7%

**TOWN OF WATERVILLE VALLEY  
REVENUES - 2000 TO 2001**

	<b>2000 Estimate</b>	<b>2000 Actual</b>	<b>2001 Projected</b>
<b>Municipal Services Department</b>	<b>546,000</b>	<b>520,955</b>	<b>571,200</b>
Wastewater Treatment	285,600	270,623	296,000
Water	212,400	204,617	226,000
Solid Waste Disposal	48,000	45,715	49,200
<b>Public Safety Department</b>	<b>48,500</b>	<b>49,000</b>	<b>70,000</b>
<b>Ice Arena</b>	<b>230,200</b>	<b>232,081</b>	<b>258,310</b>
<b>Recreation Department</b>	<b>70,900</b>	<b>77,340</b>	<b>82,240</b>
<b>Administration</b>	<b>226,764</b>	<b>245,098</b>	<b>237,226</b>
Interest/Penalties on Taxes	13,200	12,752	9,750
Interest on Deposits	23,000	22,580	23,000
Shared revenue - block grant	10,239	10,239	5,112
Rooms/Meals Tax	4,353	4,353	4,375
Highway block grant	6,311	6,311	6,311
State Aid - Wastewater Treatment (original)	28,610	28,610	27,398
State Aid - Wastewater Upgrade	9,470	18,974	18,974
Forest land reimbursement	7,381	7,381	7,381
Yield taxes	11,000	13,246	13,250
Motor Vehicle Fees	62,000	68,000	70,000
Dog Licenses	200	148	175
Licenses, Permits & Fees"	7,200	8,900	10,000
CATV Franchise	12,800	12,924	12,000
Sale of Equipment	2,000	1,895	500
Miscellaneous	4,000	3,785	4,000
Fund Balance	25,000	25,000	25,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,122,364</b>	<b>1,124,474</b>	<b>1,218,976</b>



# BONDED DEBT MATURITY SCHEDULE

**Wastewater, Solid Waste  
Bonded Debt  
Bonded at 5.42 %**

**Sewer Department  
Bonded Debt  
100% Bond at 5.2 %**

Date	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total
2001	50,000	27,175	77,175	60,000	7,800	67,800
2002	50,000	25,113	75,113	60,000	4,680	64,680
2003	50,000	22,987	72,987	60,000	1,560	61,560
2004	50,000	20,738	70,738			
2005	50,000	18,488	68,488			
2006	50,000	16,113	66,113			
2007	40,000	13,738	53,738			
2008	40,000	11,838	51,838			
2009	25,000	9,938	34,938			
2010	25,000	8,750	33,750			
2011	25,000	7,500	32,500			
2012	25,000	6,250	31,250			
2013	25,000	5,000	30,000			
2014	25,000	3,750	28,750			
2015	25,000	2,500	27,500			
2016	25,000	1,250	26,250			
	580,000	201,128	784,878	180,000	14,040	194,040

**Skating Arena, Solid Waste  
Bonded Debt  
100% Bond at 8.75 %**

**Sewer line, Maintenance Bay  
& Water Bonded Debt  
100% Bond at 8.75 %**

Date	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total
2001	25,000	10,593	35,593	20,000	8,905	28,905
2002	25,000	8,440	33,440	20,000	7,300	27,300
2003	25,000	6,192	31,192	20,000	5,685	25,685
2004	25,000	3,954	28,954	20,000	4,062	24,062
2005	25,000	1,721	26,721	20,000	2,437	22,437
2006				20,000	812	20,812
2007						
2008						
2009						
2010						
2011						
2012						
2013						
2014						
2015						
2016						
	125,000	30,900	155,900	120,000	29,201	149,201

# BONDED DEBT MATURITY SCHEDULE

## Water Line, Fire Truck Bonded Debt 100% Bond at 7.44%

## Fire Truck Bonded Debt 100% Bond at 6.5%

Date	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total
2001	15,000	7,170	22,170	20,000	1,300	21,300
2002	15,000	5,985	20,985			
2003	15,000	4,778	19,778			
2004	10,000	3,760	13,760			
2005	10,000	2,935	12,935			
2006	10,000	2,100	12,100			
2007	10,000	1,260	11,260			
2008	10,000	420	10,420			
2009						
2010						
2011						
2012						
2013						
2014						
2015						
2016						
	95,000	28,408	123,408	20,000	1,300	21,300

## Refrigeration Bonded Debt 100% Bond at 5.42%

## Total Town Bonded Debt

Date	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total
2001	45,000	36,427	81,427	235,000	99,370	334,370
2002	45,000	34,065	79,065	215,000	85,583	300,583
2003	45,000	31,703	76,703	215,000	72,905	287,905
2004	45,000	29,340	74,340	150,000	61,854	211,854
2005	45,000	26,977	71,977	150,000	52,558	202,558
2006	45,000	24,615	69,615	125,000	43,640	168,640
2007	45,000	22,253	67,253	95,000	37,251	132,251
2008	45,000	19,867	64,867	95,000	32,125	127,125
2009	45,000	17,438	62,438	70,000	27,376	97,376
2010	45,000	14,962	59,962	70,000	23,712	93,712
2011	45,000	12,488	57,488	70,000	19,988	89,988
2012	45,000	10,012	55,012	70,000	16,262	86,262
2013	45,000	7,538	52,538	70,000	12,538	82,538
2014	45,000	5,062	50,062	70,000	8,812	78,812
2015	45,000	2,532	47,532	70,000	5,032	75,032
2016				25,000	1,250	26,250
	675,000	295,279	970,279	1,795,000	600,256	2,395,256

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT  
SUMMARY OF WARRANTS  
PROPERTY AND YIELD TAXES**

	Levy of 2000	Levy of 1999
=====		
<b>Uncollected Taxes - January 1, 2000:</b>		
Property Taxes		30,546.63
Yield Taxes		
Yield Advance - Prior Year		
<b>Taxes Committed to the Collector:</b>		
Property Taxes	2,942,793.97	
Interest	196.02	
Yield Taxes	13,046.24	
Less - Security Deposits	(700.00)	
<b>Overpayment:</b>		
Property Taxes	30,699.48	
Interest	13.16	
<b>Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes</b>		1,893.44
=====		
<b>Total Debits</b>	<b>2,986,048.87</b>	<b>32,440.07</b>
<b>Remittances to the Treasurer:</b>		
Property Taxes	2,855,291.27	25,533.69
Interest Collected	196.02	1,893.44
Yield Taxes	12,346.24	
<b>Abatements Made:</b>		
Property Taxes	-	-
<b>Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 2000</b>		
Property Taxes	118,215.34	5,012.94
=====		
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>2,986,048.87</b>	<b>32,440.07</b>



**TOWN OF WATERVILLE VALLEY**  
**SCHEDULE OF TAX INFORMATION**

Year	Assessed Valuation	Amount Raised By Taxes	Tax Rate (per \$1,000)
1983	\$ 57,175,850.00	\$ 622,667.00	10.90
1984	63,271,650.00	632,166.00	10.00
1985	69,996,250.00	699,413.00	10.00
1986	7,744,450.00	720,457.00	9.31
1987	131,430,000.00	822,202.00	6.26
1988	149,484,700.00	948,678.00	6.35
1989	172,126,200.00	1,273,284.00	7.40
1990	173,491,750.00	1,525,727.00	8.80
1991	168,375,550.00	1,679,188.00	9.98
1992	170,691,645.00	1,603,302.00	9.40
1993	164,705,691.00	1,712,940.00	10.40
1994	165,093,197.00	1,751,639.00	10.61
1995	166,714,442.00	1,887,675.00	11.33
1996	164,646,594.00	2,047,831.00	12.44
1997	160,555,028.00	1,910,606.00	11.90
1998	161,629,150.00	1,954,713.00	12.10
1999	164,033,782.00	3,010,730.00	18.42
2000	161,146,181.00	3,091,550.00	17.06

**REPORT OF TOWN CLERK**  
**JANUARY 1, 2000 — JANUARY 1, 2001**

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**ACTIVITIES**

**Resident Report for Marriages:**

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David W. Stukenberg	Married July 22, 2000
Jennifer A. Leaman	

**Marriage Licenses Filed:**

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Alfred R. Perone	Married April 15, 2000
Elizabeth Cusimanu	

William Gustus	Married August 12, 2000
Theresa Gustus	

**Certificate of Death Filed:**

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H. Devereaux Jennings	Died April 14, 2000
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## **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

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The year 2000 was a very busy one for the Town, and we are pleased to offer the following updates on some of the more significant “happenings”...

With the challenge to education funding moving into its fourth year, WV again contributed to the State education tax as a “donor community”. We have continued our involvement with and financial commitment to the **Coalition Communities** (a group of other donor communities challenging the legality of the state-wide property tax system imposed by the State), and have seen some successes in that area. The Superior Court has determined that not only is the State’s portion of the state-wide property tax assessment system unconstitutional, but that education funding from property taxes as currently assessed is also unconstitutional - and all the funds collected to date need to be refunded to the communities. Needless to say, refunds of that magnitude are not likely and this entire issue has created a fair amount of confusion. The lower court’s decision is being appealed by the State to the New Hampshire Supreme Court and may have already been reviewed by the time we hold our Town Meeting. Currently, Waterville Valley is planning on paying our assessed portion of the taxes imposed by the State, but join the Coalition Communities in asking the Court to allow us to pay it to the Court so that it may be held in trust rather than released to the State. While very little is clear with this entire issue, it is clear that a statewide property tax alone will not be the long-term solution to school funding. As of now, the Governor is still proposing that a property tax be an element of a funding package, but greatly reduced from the current formula. As it becomes available, information on this very important issue will be shared through the Town’s quarterly newsletter (Town Review), the WigWag and local television and print media.

The **Electric Advisory Committee** met in the fall of 2000 to remain informed on the progress in deregulation FOR electricity. Although things are moving toward that end, there are currently too few independent suppliers interested in the northern New Hampshire market for the Town to take any action. It is anticipated that this will change over the next several months and we hope that the Committee will be able to negotiate favorable electric rates for all segments of the community.

At a **Special Town Meeting** on May 16, 2000, the Town agreed to accept the former State Highway 49 from Tripoli Road north to the junction of Valley Road and Boulder Way as a town road. This was accomplished after much discussion, debate and careful consideration - and was based in large part on public safety concerns and the willingness of the State to make substantial physical improvements. The improvements included repairs to the bridge over Snows Brook, installation of sidewalks, drainage improvements between Tripoli Road and Noon Peak Road, and a complete re-build (including drainage improvements) of Valley Road. Construction on the portion of the road that the Town accepted was completed on schedule, with the work on Tripoli Road following close behind, and after final inspection the Town officially accepted the road on December 18, 2000.

The Town faced a fairly major computer crisis in August of 2000 when the software system used by our Department of Public Safety failed and could not be



revived. In the course of identifying and buying a new system for the Department of Public Safety, the Town Manager took the opportunity to assess all the Town's computer needs and developed a plan that is intended to avoid catastrophic failures in the future. Toward that end, Cocci Computers was hired and has developed an implementation plan that includes a new server, changing software from DOS programs to Windows based programs, and updating and replacing hardware. The net result was that five computers were upgraded with more memory, one new computer was purchased and the central server for the town office system was replaced. There will be a few more upgrades, staff training and three workstations are scheduled for replacement this year. We were able to address this unanticipated need by using funds appropriated in the 2000 budget for computer maintenance and the contingency fund. Changes planned for 2001 have been budgeted within each department.

The Transit Authority has received the final Waterville Valley Transportation Study from Resource Systems Group and copies are available at the Town Hall. Based in part on the findings in the Study, the Transit Authority will be seeking funding for signage at bus stops, a locator system that will help with scheduling the bus stops, and further evaluating ways to improve the service provided to the residents and visitors to the Valley.

We wish the Conservation Commission success in their efforts to develop an environmental resource inventory for the Valley. It is hoped that the inventory will be created with the assistance of a graduate student through a cooperative program at UNH.

The audit for fiscal year 2000 will again be performed by The Mercier Group, but is not expected to be completed until after the Annual Report has gone to press. Copies of the audit will be available at the town offices and the Osceola Library upon receipt of the final audit.

In the course of budget and planning meetings with all town department heads, each segment of the Town budget was reviewed in great detail and every effort was made to maintain the level of service the Town has always provided, while keeping any increases to a minimum. It was during this process, however, that the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager decided to recommend two new town employee positions to relieve the increased workload on existing employees and volunteers and improve the services offered. This is the first time that new positions have been proposed in over six years, during which period of time substantial increased in town services have been provided. One position will be split 50/50 between the Municipal Services Department and the Ice Arena. This person will assist with road maintenance and plowing, plus operations, repairs and maintenance at the ice arena. The second position is the first full-time position for the Medical Division of the Department of Public Safety. This person will be a full-time EMT or paramedic assigned to cover the periods of highest demand on the ambulance, as well as providing assistance to the Health Officer and Building Inspector, assisting with equipment maintenance for the Medical Division and, in keeping with the Department of Public Safety philosophy of cross-training, will also be a certified part-time police officer and fire fighter. This EMS position will not, however, be in the ordinary police patrol rotation. It is our belief that the continuing demands for

training and expertise on our staff combined with the increased demand warrant both of these positions and will allow us to maintain the high level of service we have all come to expect and appreciate.

Reviewing the year reminds us that there have been many changes in the last twelve months. In July the Town said goodbye to our long time Town Manager, Sally Harris, and welcomed our new Town Manager, Mary Williams. The Board of Selectmen appreciates the efforts of Sally and all the Town employees that made this a very smooth transition. Mary and the Town boards have been very busy with new building projects continuing to arise, changes in State regulations, and an enhanced focus on the long-term planning for our Valley. Looking back at all that has happened during the prior year always brings to mind the thanks that we owe so many -

- the new (and returning) volunteers on town boards - Donald Jasinski, Dan O'Connell, and Tal Kersh for the Planning Board; Connie Falconi, Sandy Larsen and Chuck Turner for the Conservation Commission; Tom Gross, Nancy Baker and Judy McKenna for the Board of Adjustment; and Michael Levin and Tom Humphrey on the Transit Authority;

- Judy McKenna and Kim Worthley for their efforts to get the Valley "on line" with the design and maintenance of our own town website ([www.watervillevalley.org](http://www.watervillevalley.org));

- the Town employees who keep things running smoothly and efficiently, meeting the demands of continuing development; increases in fire, medical and police calls; expanding and developing new recreational and educational programs that meet the needs of our residents and visitors; and all the infrastructure that holds everything together.

We are privileged to live in and serve a community filled with so many wonderful people who remain willing to give of their time and talents.

The Board of Selectmen

Tom Corcoran, Chairman

W. David Pike

Marilyn Lyng O'Connell

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**  
**POLICE DIVISION**

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The Waterville Valley Department of Safety Police Division continues to enjoy a slight decrease in overall reported incidents for year 2000. This comes with an increase in visitors to the Valley during spring, summer, and fall seasons. Although we can not guarantee a continued decline in crime statistics given the increase in year-round tourism, the Police Division's proactive, high profile law enforcement philosophy will go a long way toward deterring criminal behavior.

Members of the Police Division have worked very hard to provide service to residents and visitors of Waterville Valley. The department received several letters from residents praising officers for going the "extra mile" in their daily patrols. In one instance Captain Jack Foley and Officer Bill Main observed a red light on in a residence on Greeley Hill. After attempting to contact a property management company about the light they learned that the property was not under a service contract. It could have ended there, but after some research they were able to find the owner, very early in the morning of a very cold night, and advised them of the light. As was suspected the light indicated a heat problem and by taking the time to contact the owner a freezeup was diverted. Needless to say these letters were brought to the attention of the Town Manager and the Board of Selectmen and have become a part of their personnel file.

All officers within the division continue to stay current on not only law enforcement issues, but with upgrading their overall education in numerous areas including computers, EMS, and firefighting. Two of our full-time officers, Chad Blake and Bill Main, will be attending the EMT-I course starting March 5,2001. Officer Eric James has expressed an interest in attending the Traffic Accident Protection Strategies course which is sponsored by the NH Police Standards & Training Council, and becoming an instructor in the proper use of child safety seats and the promotion of child passenger safety. Space permitting, Eric will be enrolled in this very worthwhile course.

The Police Division continues to welcome feedback from residents and visitors of Waterville Valley. We look forward to providing the same high level of service and professionalism in 2001 and continue to be very appreciative of the community's support we receive in return.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred W. Burbank, Jr.  
Deputy Chief

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**  
**FIRE DIVISION**

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The past year saw many changes within the region. With the upgrade of radio equipment at Lakes Region and the approval to upgrade our fire radios and pagers, there will be an enhanced ability to communicate with our volunteers. Although we have completed the installation of our equipment, the transition for Lakes Region is not 100% completed yet. Based on what we have seen so far, however, we have high expectations for the new system and look forward to many years of use.

**2000 Run Analysis**

Structure Fires	12
Dumpster Fires	3
Electrical Fire	3
Animal Rescue	1
Carbon Monoxide	2
Fuel Spills	2
LP Gas Leaks	2
Fireplace problems	1
Dryer Fires	1
Furnace Fires	1
Elevator Rescues	1
Chimney Fires	2
Brush Fires	1
Alarm Malfunctions	<u>58</u>
	90
Mutual Aid (Fires)	
Medical	1
Given	8
Combined Calls	
Motor Vehicle Accidents	3
Search & Rescue	2

**Responses Per Run**  
(Fire and Medical)

Number of people per run	4.71
On duty officers per run	1.48
Off-duty officers per run	.79
Volunteers per run	2.26
Chief (fire calls only)	.49
Average Response time	7.38 minutes

Bruce M. Andrew  
*Fire Chief*



**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL DIVISION**

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The Emergency Medical Division of the Department of Public Safety responded to a total of 144 medical calls in 2000. For the first time in the history of the medical division responses were nearly evenly divided between the ski area and the community. As the community continues to become a year-round destination resort, I see this trend continuing.

Included in this year's operating budget request is funding for a full-time EMS (Emergency Medical Service) Firefighter position. I would encourage all voters to approve this position. This individual would be assigned primarily to ambulance coverage during those documented times when medical runs are most likely and the availability of volunteer help is reduced. (In keeping with the public safety concept the individual would be cross trained as a fire fighter and certified as a part-time police officer.) This would allow the position to perform fire fighting duties as needed, perform routine maintenance of EMS and firefighting equipment, and assist with code enforcement within the community. This position would not, however, have regular uniformed police patrol responsibilities.

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to each member of the Emergency Medical Division for their support and dedication. Each member plays a vital role in the services the Division offers. As you will see from the list of members and their qualifications published elsewhere in this town report, the Medical division continues to be staffed with well-trained and capable individuals. As you see them around the community, please acknowledge them for their dedicated service. All the members of the Emergency Medical Division would like to wish all the citizens and visitors to Waterville Valley a safe and healthy 2001.

Alfred W. Burbank, Jr.  
Deputy Chief/Director

## **RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

The Waterville Valley Recreation Department, in it's 20th year, continued to pursue the goals of providing quality recreational programming for the town's residents, property owners and guests of all ages. The year's operations were overall successful serving approximately 22,795 persons.

In assessing community need, the Recreation Department operations expanded with the development of the SLIDERZ Teen Dance Club. Located in Town Square, the goal of SLIDERZ was to offer a location for youths age 13-20 to gather, socialize and interact in a safe, supervised environment. Our tact was to simulate an adult dance club, yet tailor it to this younger age group. The club hosts a juice/soda bar, pool table, air hockey table and, of course, current music to fill the disco-studded dance floor. Our successful partnership with Town Square Management as well as a dedicated staff has made SLIDERZ a popular spot for many local teens. The success of SLIDERZ was also recognized for outstanding new teen programming in 2000 by the New Hampshire Recreation and Park Association with the Shelnutt/Perkins Program Award. Melissa Roy and I accepted this honor at the NHRPA Annual banquet in May.

In April, after many months of tedious labor, the Town of Waterville Valley Website ([www.watervillevalley.org](http://www.watervillevalley.org)) was launched. Judy McKenna, a local resident and computer consultant, spearheaded the project by donating many hours of her time for its development. The site provides history and general information about Town services, municipal meetings, the elementary school, the Osceola Library, the ice arena, and the recreation department. A calendar of events for the ice arena, the Curious George Cottage and the Recreation Department are continuously updated. Links for the Ski Area, Realty office, lodging bureau, Silver Streaks Club, WVBTS, the Tennis Center, and the White Mt. Athletic Club are also listed. As we move into the summer months, more information will be available on line.

Over the past year, programming at the Curious George Cottage Learning Center has focused on outdoor pursuits and literature readings and writings. The Literary Discussion Group merged with the Book Review Group so that each Saturday evening a literary piece is discussed. The strong following of literary discussion participants fueled the Waterville Writer's Workshop where the participants could explore their own style of writing. The Workshop is a casual gathering of writers who share their work and criticism in a supportive way. The Writer's Workshop spawned a Jr. Writer's Workshop that explored the writing process in ways designed to appeal to younger aspiring writers. These programs ran through the summer and we anticipate offering more authorship programs in 2001.

Hikers enjoyed an expanded array of terrain as well under the leadership of Dan Newton. The avid group of outdoor enthusiasts chose to reach new peaks topping 4000' outside of Waterville Valley. These all day hikes proved to be a welcomed option for those desiring a greater challenge with grander views.

At summer's end, we sadly said good-bye to the Recreation Assistant Melissa Roy who had been with the department since the summer of 1997. We welcomed Kattie McKinnon as her replacement in mid-September. Kattie is a graduate of

Plymouth State College where she majored in Psychology with a minor in Health and Women's Studies. Kattie's experience in Recreation was acquired while working with the Plymouth Parks & Recreation Department during her years at Plymouth State. We look forward to years of fun with Kattie.

At about the same time, the first phase installation of the play structure for Packard's Field Playground was begun. Funding for the expansion of the playground commenced Memorial Day Weekend in 1997. It was a five-year goal of the department to raise \$35,000 to expand and enhance this play area between the Golden Eagle Lodge and the field. We have nearly realized our fundraising goal and look forward to installing an additional set of swings, a water fountain, a Jacob's Ladder climbing apparatus, a couple of benches, picnic tables and grill as well as landscaping to complete this project in 2001.

So much of our success year after year is due to the wide spread support we receive from the many businesses, residents and property owners in the Valley. These partnerships and cooperative efforts are key ingredients to sponsoring such events as the Walk-Talk Lecture Series, the Youth Broomball program, our Halloween event, the Holiday Ice Skating Party, and the Annual Egg Drop Challenge. Donations and collaborations with the Conservation Commission, the Waterville Valley Resort, Town Square Merchants Association, WVAIA, Jugtown, White Mountain Athletic Club, Waterville Company, and the Ice Arena have been graciously appreciated. A very heartfelt thank you is extended to all.

The Recreation Department continuously tries to respond to the community needs by providing a diversified and healthy selection of recreational activities for all. A sincere thank you is extended to all who have helped us grow and change in ways that positively impact the social, physical and economic well being of our Valley. We look forward to another year of serving, sharing and broadening the life experience. Thank you.

Kim A. Worthley, M.Ed.  
Recreation Director.

## ICE ARENA

In the past year, the Waterville Valley Indoor Ice Arena has taken important strides toward realizing two main objectives: first, to increase recreation options available to property owners and guests of the resort; and, secondly, to help diversify the economic base of the Waterville Valley community.

The long-standing ice arena tradition of providing daily free public skating to property owners and residents has now been expanded to an almost ten-month season. Visitors to the Valley can now expect ice sport availability for the three prime resort seasons. The arena remains an adjunct to programs at the Elementary School and the Recreation Department. The Magic Blades Figure Skating Club, a regional organization, brings its weekly programs to the arena throughout the year. Local ice hockey and broomball players frequent league play at the rink. Area school skating programs foster good will for the town throughout the region's elementary schools. And, of course, from November through March, the Plymouth State College Hockey Panthers bring the fast-paced excitement of NCAA and ECAC hockey to the Valley - the best spectator sports value around.

Due to our small local population, the Ice Arena has had to rely on developing events which import guests to the Valley. The world of youth hockey, in particular, is discovering what we've all known for some time—the truly unique nature of our location. The arena has been able to significantly increase the number of hours contracted for hockey tournaments, camps, clinics, and practice sessions in recent years. The outlook for the coming year bodes well also. As a result, the Ice Arena events are attracting new visitors to the Valley and new patrons for our shops and services.

The Ice Arena wish list continues to feature an increased need for additional locker room space with shower facilities due to the increasing demand of skating events. The Arena is becoming prominently known regionally for its ice surface quality and unique geographic setting. An upgrade of its amenities would complete the total package.

Ralph Trinque  
Manager



**MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION**  
**WASTEWATER—SOLID WASTE—RECYCLING DIVISIONS**

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The Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility, as customary, operated smoothly and efficiently with no Federal or State discharge permit violations. The “expected” power outages and computer glitches never materialized and made the New Year's transition uneventful.

Maintenance and preventive maintenance were once again our main objectives. We did replace 2 major control valves at the plant that were original equipment from 1973.

A sad day for us in Town service was when Sally Harris retired. I worked with Sally for 25 years and found her to be a terrific town manager and great person! Sally will be greatly missed by all the employees and towns people.

Wastewater treated:      2000 — 48,801,000 gallons  
                                 1999 — 48,896,000 gallons  
                                 1998 — 56,301,000 gallons  
                                 (higher due to lagoon sludge removal)

**SOLID WASTE**

Household trash and construction debris collection was up slightly, a reflection of numerous home and condo renovation projects this past year.

2000 — 1.226 tons  
1999 — 1.175 tons  
1998 — 1.211 tons

In 2000 we recycled the following:

1,660 lbs. of aluminum beverage cans  
1,000 lbs. of scrap aluminum  
36,200 lbs. of newspapers, magazines & brochures  
40,000 lbs. of scrap metal& appliances  
50 gallons of oil base paint /stain  
60+ gallons of waste oil  
150 fluorescents bulbs (4 & 8 footers)  
1000 lbs. of cardboard  
300+ cubic yards of compost (leaves & grass)  
20+ tons of asphalt  
250 lbs. of car batteries  
2 pickup loads of good used clothes

**CONSERVE — REUSE — RECYCLE**

Timothy M. Kingston  
Superintendent

## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

We talked some last year in our report as to what the E.P.A. and State of N.H. was proposing to do with limits on radon in public water supplies. E.P.A. proposed a limit for radon in drinking water of 300 pCi/L (Picocuries per liter of water) in 1991. That proposal was never enacted and was withdrawn in 1997. A radon rule was proposed by E.P.A on November 2, 1999. Finalization has been scheduled to occur by August 2000, however an early winter date is more likely.

The timetable for compliance with the proposed radon rule was not well stated in the proposal. The N.H. Department of Environmental Services expects that the final rule will require compliance samples by 2002 to determine initial status, and ultimate compliance (necessary construction) by 2005. More to come later on radon limits and treatment.

The system completed another round of lead and copper testing of our drinking water and sample results were below required limits. Monthly bacteria samples for the year showed no signs of bacteria, and system operation was routine for the year.

### **Water pumped**

1998	47,051,500 gallons
1999	46,264,200 gallons
2000	47,478,000 gallons

The highway department was seen working on rebuilding, or reclaiming as road specialists would note, the entire surface of Jennings Peak Road and placing a new paved surface to complete the project.

This year we will be repaving Osceola Road and doing some repairs to the sidewalk on Snow's Brook Road near Snow's Brook, adding new sidewalk on Noon Peak Road from Valley Road up to the Curious George Cottage, and extending sidewalk to the Sports Center. We will also be making a cut in the curbing and doing necessary modifications to the sidewalk on Valley Road across from Bull Hill to allow for facilitation of golf cart access to Bull Hill.

Respectfully,

Charles W. Cheney

## **REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD**

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This year much of the activity was devoted to a few applications. Most of the time and effort was spent on the Cascade Ridge development.

The entire original property, which included the Snow's Mountain ski slope and trails, had to be subdivided, including a lot line adjustment, to separate the portion to be developed in the HDR (high density residential) zoned area. That area was subdivided into residential house lots with supporting roads and services, a much less dense use of the Lind than allowed in that zone where condominiums, hotels etc. could be built.

The whole process, which continued through most of the year's meetings, involved detail presentations by the engineers, lawyers, experts and representatives of the developer as well as those of the abutters, concerned citizens, and of course, those engaged by the Town to advise the board. Several meetings lasted over six and a half hours during which all aspects were reviewed and considered, and it wasn't till the December meeting after all town and state requirements were met, that final approval was given with two conditions subsequent. The board acted on the advice of its independent engineers and counsel completely within the law in halting its decisions.

At all meetings, whether it was a public hearing or not, the chairperson or co-chairpersons invited all those present to participate in the discussions so that anyone who had anything to say or ask were given the opportunity to do so. Although this probably prolonged many sessions it gave aft the chance to voice their concerns. No time limit was imposed, and the board was happy to do this in the neighborly spirit this town is noted for.

The Forest Knoll developers were advised that no further development would be heard until an overall site plan was approved by the town and the state Department of Environmental. Services (DES) issued a Site Specific Permit, and that all corrections to the existing buildings and site work were completed and approved. Those corrections were finally made and completed.

The board gave the Skate Board Park permission to operate for the season only after the promised improvements were made to correct the unsightly and hazardous conditions. Members of the board. and. Sally Harris made several site visits to ascertain that the improvements were indeed completed.

The board accepted the completed- application for the Jennings Peak PUD (Planned Unit Development) at the August meeting subject to an acreage change on lot "E".

The Planning Board hosted a very well attended (about 300) and successful "Forum" to which all taxpayers and interested parties were invited. The purpose was to inform the people as well as the board of the latest plans the Waterville Company and the WV Ski Resort were contemplating. This will help the board in the ongoing work on the town's Master Plan. The board will try to involve as many of the townsfolk as are interested to assist in the formulation of the Master Plan, and asks

those who are interested to contact the board. There are committees for all of the various town functions and facilities. The committees- will form "wish lists" these. It will be interesting and fun.

At several different meetings various officers were elected: Al Hunt as Vice Chairman, who later resigned from the board, and Beth Upton was elected as the new Vice Chairman, Marianne Pogo Gorwood as Secretary, and Don Jasinski as Chairman, and Dewitte (Tal) Kersh was appointed as a new alternate member.

Again I thank the members and alternates for the generous amount of time, effort, discernment and patience they have given throughout a difficult year of service to the people of Waterville Valley.

Respectfully submitted,  
Don Jasinski  
Chairman



## **REPORT OF BUILDING ACTIVITY**

There were 71 permits issued in the year 2000. Although this was 5 less than the year before and 17 less than in 1998, reported constructions costs totaled 4,966,144 +/-, for an increase of \$1,248,967 over the year before.

Permit fees totaled \$5,150.00, which was \$500.00 more than the year before.

We are in the process of re-evaluating permit fee rates and anticipate that they will be calculated differently in the near future to more closely reflect costs of operation.

6 permits were issued for new homes

1 for an 8 condominium building

2 for 2 buildings with 2 townhouses in each

1 for a 7 garage building

1 for an addition to a maintenance building

14 for kerosene heaters

14 for LP gas heaters

2 for fireplace inserts

7 for underground tanks

1 for the replacement and/repair of the parts of the ski lift that was damaged by lightning, the remainder, were for miscellaneous additions and alterations.

The agent who evaluates building departments in New Hampshire towns for insurance rates gave the Town a very fine rating, in the top ten.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Jasinski

Building Inspector

Code Enforcement Officer

## OSCEOLA LIBRARY

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Total acquisitions this year is as follows:

Adult books	164 (30 in audio book format)
Children's books	42

Of the total acquisitions, 74 were donated.

The library is open 7 days a week from July 4 to Labor Day and Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday the rest of the year. Osceola Library is totally staffed by volunteers to whom we are extremely grateful. The volunteers include: Lucille Binderman, Brook Clarkson, Barbara Forssberg, Jean Foster, Susan Gerold, Nancy Gray, Sara Harper, Paula Miles, Betty Rathman and Sylvia Taub.

A total of 1742 books were borrowed from the library. This figure includes 683 children's books.

At the request of some patrons the library now loans audio books. The selection is limited to those audio books which were donated. The library continues to accept audio book donations to be included in the collection.

Grace Bean's book, *The Town at the End of the Road*, has been published and is for sale at library and several of the local shops.

The donation of a computer to the library has made it possible to inventory the library books and keep other statistics required by the state of New Hampshire. We are in the process of obtaining library software.

As always, an annual book sale was held in the summer. This provides an opportunity to clear the library shelves as well as earn some money for new purchases. In addition to the library books, donated books, tapes and games are also sold. The library accepts donations of books, games and videotapes all year long.

The building was re-landscaped this past fall. Old and overgrown bushes and trees were removed and replaced. It has given the building a whole new look.

The Osceola Library is truly a town treasure and should be visited.

Board of Trustees  
Nancy Baker  
Patricia Kucharski  
Joan Sweeney

## **OSCEOLA LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT 2000**

### **Checking Account:**

Beginning Balance	\$2152.61
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### **Receipts:**

Town of WV	2000.00
Interest	9.78
Donations	143.00
Book Sale	490.25
WV Book Receipts	2525.00
Transfer From Savings	10300.00
Total Receipts	15468.03

### **Expenses:**

Books	1505.15
Misc.	319.82
Publishing Costs	12145.92
Total Expenses	(13970.89)

### **Ending Balance**

\$3649.75

### **Savings Account:**

Beginning Balance	\$4324.58
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### **Receipts:**

Donations	6000.00
Interest	30.28
Total Receipts	6030.28

### **Expenses:**

Transfer to Checking	10300.00
Service Charge-	3.00
Total Expenses	(10303.00)

### **Ending Balance**

\$51.86

### **Petty Cash:**

Beginning Balance	\$192.91
Expenses:	
Misc.	108.52
Total Expenses	(108.52)
Ending Balance	\$84.39

### **Total All Accounts**

**\$3786.00**

## WATERVILLE VALLEY ATHLETIC AND IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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THE WATERVILLE VALLEY ATHLETIC & IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION (WVAIA) completed another successful year thanks to the continuing support of our membership and friends of this organization.

The **Waterville Valley hiking trail system** was maintained with the assistance of Alan Swan of the WV Adventure Center, Kim Worthley, Director (and Staff) of the WV Recreation Department, and the continuing support of the WVAIA trail adopter network. The scope of trail maintenance operations typically include both routine maintenance such as trail clearing, drainage, and minor repairs and heavy duty maintenance support such as bridge building (Completed by the US Forest Service) and the development of new or rerouted trail systems. In 2000, trail maintenance was monitored by the WVAIA Trails Committee co-chaired by Ms. Kim Worthley and Ray Kucharski both of whom have a long term association with Waterville Valley and its hiking trail network.

WVAIA made substantial progress in its effort to establish a "Barrier Free Trail" for the use of physically challenged persons. Ms. Kathy Chandler, director of the WV Adaptive Ski Program and a member of the WV Foundation Board of Directors, contributed her knowledge and experience to the WVAIA Committee charged with pursuing this program. With the support and cooperation of the WVSA, a portion of a trail has been identified and approved for this application. The committee has initiated contact with appropriate contractors to evaluate the requirements and obtain cost estimates which will be accomplished during the spring season. This type of project qualifies for funding grants from the State of NH, a process that will be initiated as soon as all potential costs are identified. WVAIA's objective is to have the trail ready for use by summer 2002.

WVAIA made a significant contribution for the acquisition of new playground equipment on Packards Field. Other new areas of contributions included WVBBS for the support of their athletic programs, the WV Silver Streaks, The Wig Wag, and funding for the purchase of additional wooden benches situated throughout the resort to accommodate our owners and resort visitors on their walks around the valley.

WVAIA maintained its contributory support of golf, tennis, the Osceola library, the WV Recreation Department, and the Croquet Club. WVAIA continues to support the objectives of the Waterville Valley Foundation's adaptive/disabled ski program.



Other accomplishments included reproductions (in note card form) of Waterville Valley's historical structures to be marketed through Town Square retailers and at WVAIA events as a means of fund raising in support of the WV Historical Society. WVAIA commissioned Ms. Sally Maddox to complete two (original) color prints depicting the "Curious George Cottage" and the Osceola library. As noted in last year's report, golf-style summer shirts and coffee mugs were produced for resale as an additional fund raising source.

As always, WVAIA organized the annual 4th of July picnic followed by the traditional Labor Day Weekend picnic which brings our summer season to a close. On 02/03/01 the sixth annual "Winter Solstice" social was held at the Snowy Owl Inn. Our winter gathering complements our summer outings and is a way of saying thank you to our members and supporters several of whom are not able to participate in WVAIA's summer activities. This year's attendance exceeded 70 people.

### **Year 2001 Objectives:**

- Complete and execute the plans for the barrier free trail network to be ready for use not later than summer 2002.
- Continue to ensure the proper maintenance of Waterville Valley's hiking trail network.
- Evaluate the WVAIA Multi-Use Trail map with the objective of redesigning the map exclusively for hiking.
- Consider other events designed to bring WVAIA members and supporters together.
- Evaluate other programs that fall within WVAIA's charter for benefiting and improving Waterville Valley.

We continue to be grateful for the enthusiasm and support of our membership in contributing to the objectives of the Waterville Valley Athletic and Improvement Association.

**WVAIA Officers:** President: **Ramon D. O'Hara**, Treasurer: **Soren Pellbring**, Secretary: **Donna Spinney**, Trails Committee Co-Chairpersons: **Kim Worthley** and **Ray Kucharski**, Membership Chairman: **David Pike**.

## A MESSAGE TO NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL MEMBER TOWNS

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The year 2000 has been a year of change for North Country Council. After 10 years as the Executive Director, Preston Gilbert left North Country Council to take a position at Syracuse University. Replacing Preston as the Executive Director is Michael King who had been the Operations Manager and Controller for the Council. Additional changes included the hiring of Blake Cullimore as Regional Planner and the hiring of Stacey Wyvill as Community Planner.

We continued to complete a number of local and regional projects for all of our 51 communities throughout the region. A summary of some of those projects is as follows:

### Transportation:

- Reviewed, and submitted to the Department of Transportation 27 transportation enhancement projects for the North Country.
- Began the coordination of the Route 2 Corridor Planning Study with the communities along Route 2.
- Received funding from the NHDOT to begin an 193/181302 planning and research project.
- Participated with the NHDOT and member communities in the development of a regional bike path map (still in progress).
- Provided technical transportation assistance to the majority of the communities in our region.
- Coordinated the North Country Transportation Committee.
- Conducted 135 traffic counts in 41 communities.

### Economic Development:

Submitted and received federal funding for two major public works projects (The Plymouth Green Street project, and the Mountain View Hotel project).

- Coordinated the North Country District Economic Development Committee.
- Coordinated and published the results of a region wide survey of business and workers in the North Country.
- Published the Living Wage Study for the North Country.
- Updated the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the region.

### Community/Regional Planning:

- Provided technical assistance to 28 towns throughout the region.
- Updated seven master plans and zoning ordinances for member communities.
- Coordinated the Law Lecture Series for the Office of State Planning.
- Coordinated and project managed the American Heritage River project. This is a project sponsored by EDA to develop best management practices for land

use and development along the Connecticut River.

- Performed a town wide inventory of junkyards for one of our member communities.

#### Environmental Planning:

- Provided technical assistance to over 34 communities in the area of solid waste and hazardous waste management.
- Served on the Governors Solid Waste Task Force.
- Coordinated the Household Hazardous Waste Management collections for 32 communities.
- Managed an EPA project to increase recycling in the hospitality industry.
- Managed a source water protection program for the Department of Environmental Services, which developed methods to help in the prevention of surface intake contamination.
- Developed a non-point source pollution education program for a number of our communities.
- Provided technical assistance in the National Flood Insurance Program throughout the region.

Many of these programs will continue into the year 2001. We continue to enhance our staff capacity and will be looking to provide additional technical assistance and planning support to all our communities. Major programs for the year 2001 will be the fourth biennial Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) update, the submission of two new major economic development funding requests (maybe more), an increase in assistance to communities updating their master plans and zoning ordinances with an emphasis on some of the new zoning challenges we are facing (e.g. cell towers), the publication of a regional plan, and the continued assistance of solid waste management with an emphasis on conducting town audits on their solid waste management practices.

Our overall goal, however, remains the same: to provide support and leadership to the region, its governments, businesses and citizens.

Sincerely,  
Michael J. King  
Executive Director

**PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT**  
**1999 ANNUAL REPORT**

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The Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District committee met seven times during the 2000 calendar year. In 2000, The District continued its support of proper household hazardous waste management by coordinating the District's one-day collection in September and the year-round collection of paint and fluorescent light bulbs. The District also negotiated a new five-year extension for waste disposal with North Country Environmental Services (NCES) of Bethlehem effective May 1, 2001.

The one-day household hazardous waste collection saw the District collect and dispose of over 3000 gallons of hazardous material and serve approximately 165 households in the region. District towns also recycled over 2000 gallons of paint and 5000 feet of fluorescent light bulbs that were collected at transfer stations throughout the year. The District received a grant from the NH Department of Environmental Services totaling \$4,161.50 to help offset part of the costs of these programs. The District will once again sponsor and coordinate these programs in 2001.

2000 also saw the District negotiate a new five-year extension with NCES, allowing District towns to dispose of municipal solid waste (MSW) and construction and demolition debris (C&D) at the NCES landfill in Bethlehem, New Hampshire. The new contract price is one of the best if not the best in New Hampshire and gives all member municipalities access to an affordable disposal option. The extension runs through April 30, 2006.

In 2001 the District will continue to promote its cooperative approach to solid waste management. By working together, District communities can minimize the costs of such things as solid waste disposal, transportation, recycling and hazardous waste management. Citizens interested in participating in the development of the District's programs are welcome to attend the District meetings. Information regarding the place and time of the meetings is available at all municipal offices.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Marsh Morgan, Jr.  
PBSWD Chairman



## REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

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There are 2,200 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. The number of fires reported during the 2000 fire season was below average as referenced in the statistics below. Despite this, our network of fire towers and detection patrols were still quite busy with the fire towers being first to report over 135 fires. These fires were quickly and accurately reported to the local fire department for their prompt and effective suppression efforts. Wildland fires occurring in areas where homes are situated in the woodlands are a serious concern for both landowners and firefighters. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around them and making sure that houses are properly identified with street numbers. Please contact the Forest Protection Bureau to request a brochure to assist you in assessing fire safety around your home and woodlands.

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing **ALL** outside burning. Fire permits are required for any open burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow where the burning will be done. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are eleven Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. Forest Rangers have investigated numerous complaints regarding violations of the timber harvest and forest fire laws, and taken enforcement action to ensure compliance. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217, or for general information visit our website at [www.dred.state.nh.us](http://www.dred.state.nh.us).

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection system and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. These factors are critical in controlling the size of wildland fires, keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible. Due to permitting and fire safety concerns, please contact your local fire department **BEFORE** using portable outdoor fire places and vessels, including those constructed of clay, concrete or wire mesh.

Please contact your local fire department before doing **ANY** outside burning.

**REMEMBER ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!!**

# 2000 FIRE STATISTICS

## (ALL FIRES REPORTED THRU NOVEMBER 10, 2000)

### TOTALS BY COUNTY REPORTED

	Numbers	Acres
Hillsborough .....	118	40
Rockingham .....	49	4
Merrimack .....	92	16
Belknap .....	54	13
Cheshire .....	41	20
Strafford .....	58	13
Carroll .....	46	10
Grafton .....	16	7
Sullivan .....	12	2
Coos .....	30	4

### CAUSES OF FIRES

Debris Burning .....	263
Miscellaneous* .....	151
Smoking .....	30
Children .....	17
Campfire .....	16
Arson/Suspicious .....	14
Equipment Use .....	9
Lightning .....	9
Railroad .....	7

\*Miscellaneous (powerlines,  
fireworks, structures,OHRV,  
unkown)

	Total Numbers	Total Acres
2000 .....	516	149
1999 .....	1301	452
1998 .....	798	443

## **GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' REPORT**

The Grafton County Board of Commissioners present the following reports and financial statements. We hope that they will increase your understanding of Grafton County's finances and operations and assure citizens that their tax dollars are being spent wisely.

Financially, Fiscal Year 2000 was an exciting one for Grafton County. For the first time in many years, Grafton County did not have to borrow money in anticipation of taxes. Revenue received for Fiscal Year 2000 was \$18,053,241.98, and the total amount expended during the Fiscal Year was \$16,412,728.33. Grafton County was fortunate to continue to receive a Medicaid Proportionate Share Payment this year; this year's payment was a net receipt of \$380,578.00, Grafton County once again is in a sound financial position at the end of Fiscal Year 2000. The Commissioners wish to thank Grafton County's management both elected and appointed - for the help, dedication and continued conservative style of management.

Fiscal Year 2000 saw a great deal of change for Grafton County. In September, the employees of the Department of Corrections voted to become unionized and in November, the employees at the Nursing Home did the same. Both groups are represented by the United Electrical Workers. Negotiations have been ongoing with both units. Both the Union and Management have been working hard trying to reach agreement on the first contract.

In October, 1999, Grafton County hired Eileen Bolander to fill the vacant Nursing Home Administrator position. Administrator Bolander come on board facing many challenges and has done a great job. Joanne Mann, who was Acting Nursing Home Administrator from June to October, was honored as the County Employee of the Year at the Annual New Hampshire Association of Counties Conference at The Balsams, in October, 1999.

One large challenge that faced the Nursing Home during the last year was the nationwide nursing shortage. Grafton County has suffered along with everyone else and continues to work hard to recruit and retain nursing staff.

The Grafton County Economic Development Council began operations during Fiscal Year 2000. Steven Epstein was hired as the Executive Director and the Council functions out of their office in Plymouth, New Hampshire.

Grafton County took many steps to be prepared for Y2K. We made it through with relatively few problems.

The County Treasurer continues to do an excellent job investing the County's money. Fiscal Year 2000 interest exceeded the budgeted amount by \$108,875.60.

The Register of Deeds continues to be very busy and has again exceeded budgeted revenues. This Department budgeted \$644,190 for revenue in FY 2000 - the actual revenue received was \$807,145.90. The Commissioners commend Register of Deeds Carol Elliott and her staff on a job well done.

The Barbara B. Hill Memorial Fund continues to help Grafton County's children in need with fun activities. Donations are always welcome.

The Grafton County Farm continues to be a great area attraction; among the many things that the Farm did for the community was the annual "Pumpkin Day" for the Woodsville Elementary School in October, 1999. This day brings all the children from the Elementary School to the Farm for a tour. They get to pick out their very own pumpkin to take home. The only rule is, "You have to be able to carry your own pumpkin onto the bus!"

In October, 1999, Commissioner Steve Panagoulis become President of the New Hampshire Association of Counties.

The Grafton County Commissioners hold regular monthly meetings at the County Administration Building on Route 10 just north of the Grafton County Superior Courthouse in North Haverhill, with periodic tours of the Nursing Home, Department of Corrections, County Farm, and the Courthouse. The Commissioners also attend monthly meetings of the Grafton County Executive Committee. All meetings are public, with interested citizens and members of the press encouraged to attend. Call the Commissioners' Office to confirm date, time, and schedule.

In closing, we wish to express our appreciation to staff members, elected officials, other agency personnel, and to the public for their efforts in serving the citizens of Grafton County.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steve Panagoulis, Chair (District 3)  
Michael J. Cryons, Vice-Chair (District 1)  
Raymond S. Burton, Clerk (District 2)



## 2000 EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR REPORT

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It is once again a privilege to report to the people of this large Northern Council District 98 towns and four cities spread throughout Coos, Grafton, Carroll, Belknap, and Sullivan Counties.

The constitutional and statutory responsibilities of the Executive Council are within the Executive Branch of your New Hampshire State government. Our role is much like a board of directors of a large company. We are charged with carrying out the laws and budget passed by the New Hampshire House and Senate. The Governor and Council employ 294 Commissioners and Directors to administer over 100 departments and agencies to carry out the details of the laws and budget of your State government. The Council has an overall supervisory role in assisting citizens, business, agencies, towns, cities, and counties in effectively working with State government.

Preparing for the coming two-year term that I have been elected to as one of your public servants, I share with you the following ideas and requests:

- If anyone is interested in making a volunteer contribution of their time and talent on a Board or Commission through the appointment process of the Governor and Council, please contact my office or Kathy Goode, Council Liaison, Governor's Office, State House, Concord, NH 03301, Tel. 271-2121, and ask for the appointment list for 2001. As your Councilor, I am always looking for people to serve on a multitude of Boards and Commissions in your State government.
- The Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (five Executive Councilors and the Commissioner of Transportation) will be holding hearings around the State on citizen and regional planning commission recommendations for improving our highway system throughout New Hampshire. If you have suggestions on a needed improvement, please send them to your regional planning commission or to my office soon so they may be given consideration.
- The Regional Health Planning District Councils continue to meet and consider major changes in the health maintenance system for citizens both at the local and state levels. Anyone wishing to serve on your region's District Health Council should contact my office or Lori Real, Director of Planning Research at NH Health and Human Services Department, Tel. 271-4235.
- I recommend use of the NH Webster System. It is the official state locator for your New Hampshire State Government at <http://www.state.nh.us>. A complete directory of phone numbers and addresses of all state agencies is listed for your convenience. Utilize your local Town/City Library to access the Webster System which is administered and maintained by the New Hampshire State Library.
- My office has available a handy 800 toll-free phone card of organizations for rural areas.
- Always know my office is a your service. Contact me anytime!

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond S. Burton, Executive Councilor  
State House Room 20, Concord, NH 03301

# UNH COOPERATIVE EXTENSION—GRAFTON COUNTY OFFICE—2000 ANNUAL REPORT

Our mission: UNH Cooperative Extension provides residents of Grafton County with researched-based education and information enhancing their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth and families and communities, sustain natural resources and improve the economy.

UNH Cooperative Extension is a unique partnership among the Federal, State and County Governments who provide the funding and support for this educational outreach component of the University of New Hampshire. With an Extension Office in each New Hampshire county and campus-based subject matter specialists we serve the entire state.

Our education programs are designed to respond to the local needs of county residents through the direction and support of a volunteer advisory council. Our current programs focus on:

- Dairy and Pasture Management
- Agriculture Profitability and Nutrient Management
- Forest & Wildlife Habitat Management and Stewardship
- Nutrition, Food Safety, Parenting Education and Family Financial Management
- 4H Club and Volunteer Management that promotes Positive Youth Development
- Water Quality Education for communities, landowners and citizens
- Family Lifeskills Program (LEAP)
- After-school Programs

The Extension Staff works out of our North Haverhill office in the Grafton County Courthouse. We travel all over the county. Other grant-funded staff members provide programs through satellite offices in Plymouth, Littleton and Lebanon. Information and education are presented through phone calls, farm/office/home/agency visits, the media, workshops and educational series. Volunteers help expand our efforts through the Master Gardeners Program, 4H Clubs, Parenting Education Volunteers and the Coverts Project. Our work is supported by an office staff of three. Early in 2000 UNH Cooperative Extension opened a toll-free Info Line staffed by trained volunteers to answer many consumer questions. Citizens can access this line Mondays through Fridays from 9AM to 2PM at 1-877-398-4769.

Here are some ways that local residents benefited from the work of Cooperative Extension:

- Residents in your town receive our bi-monthly newsletter providing the latest research findings.
- Hundreds of families with young children receive monthly newsletters helping parents understand the crucial first years of life.
- Families with limited resources have access to nutrition and financial education to help them stretch their food dollars, thereby providing a more balanced diet for their young children.

- Other families participated in the many educational workshops that help them to purchase and prepare nutritious foods, stretch their monthly budget and cope with raising children in an ever changing world.
- Local farmers participated in agricultural practices that reduced the runoff from fields thereby continuing to keep our waterways clean.
- Research on soils and nitrates has reduced the level of commercial fertilizers being applied to farm lands thereby reducing costs for crop production.
- An educational kit “Preserving Rural Character Through Agriculture” developed by the NH Coalition for Sustaining Agriculture was distributed throughout the state and country.
- Students at a regional high school participated in a comprehensive survey. The results were shared with the community, service agencies and their parents.
- Another town participated in a two-day Community Profile process to help local citizens look at the issues affecting them and make plans for the future.
- Food service workers throughout the county participated in food safety programs to make sure that the food they serve is safe for everyone to eat.
- Hundreds of children and volunteers participate in 4H activities each year that include; dairy, horse, working steer, arts and crafts, science and technology, food preparation, nutrition, public speaking, shooting sports and clothing construction projects.
- The Fourteenth Annual Conservation Field Day provided more than three hundred fifth grade students with a chance to tour the county farm and learn about conservation issues.
- Landowners who were impacted by the Ice Storm of 1998 were able to benefit from programs designed to reduce the financial and environmental impacts of that event.
- Agricultural businesses received help with business plans, marketing, computer usage and crop diversification.
- Educational workshops on land use, current use, wildlife management and tree farm production helped many landowners care for their land and their environment.
- A water testing lab was established at a local high school to work with communities and individuals to test surface waters.
- Individuals moving from welfare to work participated in an intensive three-week program that prepared them for employment and the challenges of working families.
- Cooperative Extension staff members served as resources to residents and agencies throughout the county.
- By collaborating with many county, state and federal agencies we were able to multiply our efforts.

Here in Grafton County the office is located on Route 10 in North Haverhill in the Grafton County Courthouse. We are open from 8 AM until 4 PM Monday through Friday.

You can reach us: by phone—(603)787-6944; fax—(603)787-2009; email [grafton@ceunhce.unh.edu](mailto:grafton@ceunhce.unh.edu), at our office in North Haverhill; or through our UNHCE Web site <http://ceinfo.unh.edu>.

Respectfully submitted:  
Deborah B. Maes, Extension Educator and  
County Office Administrator.



## PEMI-BAKER HOME HEALTH AGENCY

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Representative: Natalie Thompson     Alternate: Patricia Kucharski

The initial panic of seeing in a new century has come and gone. Computer systems did not break down and it was business as usual on January 1. It has been an interesting year for home care providers as anxiety levels increase to meet new Medicare demands. In addition, the home health community is facing nationwide shortages of nurses and home health aides. This of course, is troublesome if we stop to figure out how many "baby Boomers" are going to slide into the age group that is primarily served by home care.

New Hampshire has some interesting statistics pertaining to home care services. Home care agencies in New Hampshire provide more than 1.3 million visits per year to residents who are recovering from illness or injury, or who are receiving long-term care in the home. Staff of NH Home Care agencies traveled more than eight million miles to deliver care in New Hampshire homes in 1998, according to the latest statistics. These figures are actually down because of the impact on the home health benefit as a result of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. The latest figures out show that the \$16.1 billion cut from the home health benefit will actually end up to be \$69 billion - more than four times the estimated target.

What does this all mean to home care and to the communities served by home care agencies? It means it becomes increasingly more important to support home care agencies in your local community. As reimbursement decreases and the need for services increases, the actual dollars for care are less than they were seven years ago. Additional cuts are in the future which will have an even more dramatic effect on the amount of care delivered and the dollars spent on home health in New Hampshire.

Pemi-Baker Home Health Agency, serving our community since 1967, continues to meet the health care demands of our rural communities. Their philosophy of care and dedication to the work they do as well as the services they perform, remain intact. There were 212 visits made to the town of Waterville Valley in the year 2000. We are indeed fortunate to have this agency and its services available to all of us.

They are truly here for those who need home care, and we, as member towns, will continue to support and commend their efforts to serve our residents. We are indeed fortunate to have this agency and its services available to all of us.

Pemi-Baker Home Health is a non-profit New Hampshire licensed Medicare Homecare and Hospice certified agency. Services include skilled nursing care, geriatric nursing, IV nursing, Hospice nursing, Obstetric/Pediatric nursing, Psychiatric nursing, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Social Workers, Home Health Aides. Homemakers, home safety assessments, Alzheimer's Respite (by arrangement), blood pressure clinics, diabetic education & support, annual flu clinic, DNR program, Hospice program, Long Term Care program, ostomy education & support, Private Duty and Respiratory Therapy (by arrangement), Immunization clinics and community education programs.



# NORTHEAST RESOURCE RECOVERY ASSOCIATION

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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### During the Past Year

#### Marketing

Both tonnage and revenue went up dramatically for the third year in a row. Tonnage topped 47,000 tons, up from 37,000 tons in 1999. Revenue from sales reached \$2.5 million, up from \$1.2 million in 1999. What was most pleasing was that these increases were possible in spite of volatile pricing during the last quarter of the year and problems with glass and textile markets.

#### Education

Our annual Conference and Exposition which witnessed its 19th year at Burlington, Vermont had higher attendance than 1999 and featured a whole new Emporium of vendors selling goods made with recycled material. The third day specialty sessions on construction waste were very informative. Just as important, everyone was pleased by the entertainment. Best yet was the recognition that NRRRA's Conference and Exposition received just before the June Conference. Resource Recycling named NRRRA's Conference as one of the three best Conferences in the United States and singled it out for its examination of cutting edge issues.

#### Technical Assistance

More than 30 towns and cities asked for and received assistance in evaluating programs and designing alternatives. In response to increasing requests, NRRRA has put together a SWAT team of talented people from different facilities to give advice quickly.

#### Innovation

A great deal of effort was invested in our attempt to open a plastic recycling facility that can take mixed plastic resins and manufacture a value added product. The first year of a 2 year EPA funded effort to get the facility off to the drawing board and a reality ended in September. Technology validation, market development, business plan preparation and capital acquisition are all underway currently. Just as a point of information, in the states of Vermont and New Hampshire, approximately 250,000 tons of plastic are land filled or incinerated each year and only about 5% of all plastic headed to disposal is recycled.

### For the Coming Year

#### Marketing

During the past year, we have made efforts to provide more flexible transportation and aggregation for towns. One decision that was reached this past year was to increase the trucking capability of NRRRA by having trailers of our own and perhaps leasing a tractor for service when milk runs are difficult to schedule. This whole new operational aspect came to a head in September when a rent increase forced us to reevaluate our leased offices. A decision was made to look for a new home where we could also store equipment such as the trailers, truck and glass crusher. We appealed to our members in September and October and within the last 30 days,

more than 30 communities and businesses donated more than \$30,000 to allow us to buy an operations center in Chichester. We will be closing on this facility in November and will be located there in December. While donations have been great, it is still not too late to help. We would like to keep our borrowing as low as possible so that the Association has the least risk. Thank you all for your support and encouragement. It was truly humbling that you responded as you did. We hope that the result of your efforts will allow us to create a more flexible transportation system.

## Education

The next Conference and Exposition is in Hyannis, Massachusetts on June 11 - 13. The Conference will celebrate the theme of 20 years of exploring the best waste diversion strategies and looking to the future. The Conference will have two highlights. First, we will be joining forces with MassRecycle in organizing our Buy Recycled Emporium. In the past, MassRecycle has organized their Buy Recycled show as part of EnviroExpo in Boston. This year, we will be combining forces and we anticipate at least 40 booths in this part of our Conference alone! Based on an experiment that we undertook last year, we will be organizing a problem solving track that will attempt to draw on the combined talents of speakers and attendees in a facilitated process to identify solutions to one or more vexing recycling challenges facing us. For people that can't travel as far, we will be starting regional mine-workshops throughout New Hampshire and Vermont after the first of the year.

## Technical Assistance

Your Marketing Committee is a forum for communication between towns. We will be looking to increase participation this coming year. It is open to all towns. Meetings are the second Wednesday of the month and are in Concord (soon to be Chichester). We really need your ideas and problems. Come meet with us. During the coming year we will explore moving the location and days around to see if attendance can be increased. Watch your newsletters for details. Call on us or our SWAT team for assistance.

## Innovation

This coming year should be decisive in determining whether we will be successful in developing a plastic manufacturing plant that uses mixed plastics. If successful, the project will have a significant impact on waste diversion and revenues for the Association, businesses and communities.

I would like to express my thanks - your combined efforts make this Association a delight to work for.

Have a good year,  
Michael Samson, Executive Director

**WATERVILLE  
VALLEY  
SCHOOL  
DISTRICT  
REPORT**

**OFFICERS OF THE  
WATERVILLE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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<b>School Board</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Marilyn O'Connell	2001
Judith McKenna	2002
DeAnne Jennings	2003

**TREASURER/CLERK**

Marcia Leavitt

**MODERATOR**

Paul Leavitt

**TEACHERS**

Kim Bownes

Irv Buchman

Linn Downs

Joyce Evans

Melody Funk

Linda Haines

Vicki Kelly

Dave Poole

Mary Seeger

Sheldon Stein

Joan Sweeney

**SUPERINTENDENT**

John W. True, Jr.

**ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT**

Mark Halloran



**WATERVILLE VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD  
ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING  
MARCH 13, 2000 - 6:00 PM**

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Thirty Nine voters attended this meeting.

**Article 1.** Regarding reports in the annual report. It passed unanimously.

**Article II.** This related to the collective bargaining agreement between the Waterville Valley Education Association and the School Board. Funds to be raised and appropriated totaled \$7,587. There was no discussion. All present voted in favor of the article.

**Article III.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise the sum of \$791,302 for the obligations of the District.

A question was asked about the 11 % increase in the budget. Marilyn O'Connell explained the one time sabbatical leave cost of \$16,000. High school tuition is up, plus the number of students. Special education costs are mandated by the State and Federal Government. Judy McKenna talked about the SAU cost increase. They have hired a technology technician to help with the computer upgrade. The cost of the technician is shared with the other SAU towns.

There being no further discussion, a majority of the voters passed the budget.

**Article IV.** Other business.

A voter asked about school population. At what number do we close the school? Marilyn O'Connell said there will be 39 students next year. Dee Jennings gave a brief history of the fluctuation of student numbers over the years. Marilyn added that numbers will grow.

Al Hunt thanked Paul Leavitt for his years as Moderator. Paul is stepping down this year.

There being no further business, it was voted to adjourn the meeting, which the Moderator did at 6:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia C. Leavitt  
Clerk-Treasurer

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Waterville Valley qualified to vote in District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Rust Municipal Building in said District on the thirteenth day of March, 2001 at 7:00 in the morning to act upon the following subjects:

- 1 . To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Treasurer/Clerk for the coming year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

Polls will not close before 2:00 p.m.

Given under our hands at said Waterville Valley the 23rd day of February, 2001.

Judith McKenna  
DeAnne L. Jennings  
Rene Schwartz

A true copy of warrant attest:  
Judith McKenna  
DeAnne L. Jennings  
Rene Schwartz

## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Waterville Valley, in the County of Grafton, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote upon District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Waterville Valley Elementary School on Monday, the twelfth (12) day of March, 2001 at 6:00 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1: To see what action the District will take relative to the reports of agents, auditors, committees and officers.

Article 2: To see if the Waterville Valley School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Waterville Valley School Board and the Waterville Valley Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2001-2002	\$7,852

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,852 (seven thousand eight hundred fifty-two dollars) for the 2001-2002 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.)

Article 3: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$817,271 (eight hundred seventeen thousand two hundred seventy-one dollars) for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials, employees and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District which also includes the sum found in Article 2. (The School Board recommends this appropriation. Majority vote required.)

Article 4: To transact any further business which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands this 25th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and one.

Judith M. McKenna  
DeAnne L. Jennings  
Rene Schwartz

A true copy of warrant attest:

Judith M. McKenna  
DeAnne L. Jennings  
Rene Schwartz

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**JUNE 30, 2000**  
**WATERVILLE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

ASSETS	General	Food Service	All Other
Current Assets:			
Cash	5,910.92	1,681.07	
Assessments Receivable	55,041.00		
Interfund Receivable	162.88		
Intergov't Rec	74.80	155.00	162.86
Other Receivables	50.00		
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TOTAL ASSETS	61,239.58	1,836.07	162.86
LIABILITY & FUND EQUITY			
Current Liabilities:			
Interfund Payables			162.86
Other Payables	3,753.44	17.51	
Deferred Revenue			
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Total Liabilities	3,753.44	17.51	162.86
Fund Equity			
Reserve for Encumbrances	21,222.06		
Unreserved Fund Balance	36,624.08	1,818.56	
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Total Fund Equity	57,486.14	1,818.56	
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TOTAL LIAB. & EQUITY	61,239.58	1,838.07	



## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The school districts of SAU #48 have some good news this year in spite of the recent complications regarding State funding. Each of our districts have completed significant additions and renovations to their buildings. In addition, each district has taken a pragmatic and conservative approach to bonding which has resulted in debt service that extends for only a very few years. Because of the foresight of our boards and communities we do not need to sell bonds and they will be paid off shortly (within 8 and 2 to 4 years for most.) This foresight has resulted in good schools with adequate space. However, we continue to monitor growth in Wentworth. In Thornton the Board is requesting the community support the purchase of adjacent land in order to put the District in a position to be able to deal with future growth.

The Plymouth Regional High School proposed budget is in excellent shape because we have received additional State adequacy funds. The high school assessment is essentially level funded with no increase in the total dollar assessment. Our elementary school district budgets have been a struggle because they have lost State adequacy funds. This lost revenue has resulted in a degree of increases that we would rather not see. Our elementary boards have responded by not unnecessarily adding to their budgets. The good news, however, is that if our elementary budgets and high school budget are looked at together the net increase on the school tax rate is moderate. During the next several years one of the greatest variables in school budgets will be the change from year to year in revenues. Our boards cannot predict this ahead of time, but will be ever-ready to respond responsibly.

SAU #48 is involved in a student program called "Community of Caring". This is a character education program which integrates the concepts of respect, responsibility, caring, trust and family into the curriculum. Through a total community approach this program creates a caring, respectful school environment that supports students as they develop positive values. The entire culture of the school becomes one of reinforcement and support. The school, parents and community stress character based decision-making. Students accept responsibility for themselves and their future. They grow toward adulthood with a clear sense of purpose motivated by an understanding of community good, not self-centered individualism. The program has five components which consist of teacher training, character integration in the curriculum, student forums, family involvement and community service. Presently Plymouth Regional High School and Plymouth Elementary School are involved in this project. We hope that at least one elementary school per year will join the program. Both Campton and Holderness have expressed interest.

SAU #48 is also involved with a school improvement grant shared with the Newfound and Lin-Wood school systems. The grant was written by a committee under the direction of Judge Edwin Kelly. Its purpose is to assist students in good decision making and reduce student involvement with drugs and alcohol as well as other risky behavior. The program provides for teacher training as well as materi-

als and supplies to be used in instruction. Separate, but related to the same concerns, SAU #48, Plymouth State College and the Town of Plymouth have formed a joint committee to work towards the reduction of student use of alcohol.

An area of concern for the districts of SAU #48 is the growing teacher shortage. We anticipate that there will be a shortage of teachers for the next five to ten years as a large percentage of our teaching force retires. We will continue to recruit broadly and hire the best teachers available for our students. Fortunately we live in a beautiful area which is attractive to new teachers and we have always had communities that are supportive of quality education. These factors should do much to attract teachers.

You may have noted that our high school has increased graduation requirements and is annually improving its course offerings. Whether students are participating in a vocational/technical program or a college bound education the appropriate training and studies will be available. We also are making efforts to encourage the instruction of Spanish in our elementary schools. Plymouth started this a year ago, Campton has proposed the beginnings of a program for September and it is under discussion in other schools.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our board members, citizens, faculty, and staff for their continued support and encouragement. This is a quality school system because of the value our citizens and staff place on educating our young people.

Respectfully submitted,  
John W. True, Jr.

# **WATERVILLE VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT 2000-2001**

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With a current enrollment of 29 students, WVES is working to meet the needs of our diverse student population. This year 20% of our students are identified as needing special education services. This number is projected to be over 30% by the 2001-2002 school year. This growth is unprecedented and it challenges us to provide for the needs of all types of learners within a multi-grade setting. We have contracted for the services of a school psychologist, speech therapist and occupational therapist and have planned for a physical therapist for next year. The administrative and educational needs resulting from this rising special education population are numerous and complex. To help meet these needs, as well as those of our regular education students, the plan for next year calls for more of the principal's time to be spent outside of the K-2 classroom. This will instruct small groups of students, thus narrowing the gap within the 3-year academic span of each classroom.

An artistic highlight of this school year was the 5 day artist residency with Rachel Lehr, fabric artist who helped our students to make a felt mural depicting the beauty of Waterville Valley. The completed mural will be donated to our community and placed on permanent display in Town Square. Along with Plymouth Friends of the Arts, we have sponsored an in-school performance and reception for English folk singers Coupe, Boyes and Simpson and a day long residency and student performance with choreographer Drika Overton. In January, our 5th through 8th grade students were invited to present their Civil Rights projects to the doctors of Gortex International Research Division at their annual conference.

Improvements to the facility this year included the installation of a new front door replacing our 26 year old glass and wood archway. We also replaced 3 exterior classroom doors. A melting wire was installed about the entrance way to eliminate falling snow and ice. A comprehensive Crisis Safety Plan is posted in every classroom. Locks on interior doors enable us to seal off part of the building if necessary and blinds on the windows insure privacy and safety in the event a "lockdown" procedure is required. These expenditures have enabled us to insure our students' safety in the event of a crisis.

Emphasis on a new school-wide spelling program began last year and has led to an increase of 20% in our standardized test scores. Our students continue to score above national, state and regional norms in the core subjects of Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies.

We appreciate the support and interest of our community and we reaffirm our mission to provide a strong academic program and a rich arts education experience for the young people of Waterville Valley.

Please visit our student-designed website at [www.wves.k12.nh.us](http://www.wves.k12.nh.us) to see the work of our students and learn more about our programs.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Seeger  
Principal



# WATERVILLE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## 1999-2000 BUDGET DATA

**Budget**   **School District of Waterville Valley**   **FY2002**

**MS26**

Acct. No.	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3, V)	Warr. Art. #	Expenditures for Year 7/1/99 to 6/30/00	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Appropriations Enacting Fiscal Year (Recommended)	Appropriations Enacting Fiscal Year (Not Recommended)
<b>INSTRUCTION (1000-1999)</b>						
1100-1199	Regular Programs	2	263,667.00	325,237.00	336,254.00	
1200-1299	Special Programs	2	105,665.00	113,456.00	120,146.00	
1300-1399	Vocational Programs					
1400-1499	Other Programs		541.00	0.00	0.00	
1500-1599	Non-Public Programs					
1600-1699	Adult & Community Programs					
<b>SUPPORT SERVICES (2000-2999)</b>						
2000-2199	Student Support Services	2	42,609.00	52,284.00	65,058.00	
2200-2299	Instructional Staff Services		20,719.00	22,824.00	23,165.00	
<b>GENERAL ADMINISTRATION</b>						
2310-840	School Board Contingency					
2310-2399	Other School Board		7,874.00	7,750.00	6,408.00	
<b>EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION</b>						
2320-310	SAU Management Services		49,598.00	58,533.00	59,524.00	
2320-2399	All Other Administrative					
2400-2499	School Administration Service		27,371.00	26,594.00	30,163.00	
2500-2599	Business					
2600-2699	Operation & Maintenance of Plant		73,489.00	65,806.00	63,480.00	
2700-2799	Student Transportation		4,930.00	4,000.00	6,500.00	
2800-2999	Support Service, Central & Other					
3000-3999	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES					
4000-4999	FACILITIES ACQUISITIONS & CONSTRUCTION		1,700.00	5,000.00	1,000.00	
<b>OTHER OUTLAYS (5000-5999)</b>						
5110	Debt Service - Principal		65,000.00	65,000.00	65,000.00	
5120	Debt Service - Interest		46,410.00	41,980.00	37,570.00	
<b>FUND TRANSFERS</b>						
5220-5221	To Food Service		1,448.00	1,925.00	1,925.00	
5222-5229	To Other Special Revenue		1,244.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	
5230-5239	To Capital Projects					
5251	To Capital Reserves			0.00		
5252	To Expendable Trust ("see pg.3)					
5253	To Non-Expendable Trusts					
5254	To Agency Funds					
5300-5399	Intergovernmental Agency Alloc.					
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL</b>						
<b>DEFICIT</b>						
<b>SUBTOTAL 1</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>712,305.00</b>	<b>791,302.00</b>	<b>817,271.00</b>	



**Budget School District of Waterville Valley FY2002**

**MS26**

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Aoct. No.	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr Art. #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenue Current Year	ESTIMATED REVENUE For Ensnling Fiscal Year

**REVENUE FROM LOCAL SOURCES**

			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
1300-1349	Tuition		11,200.00	11,200.00	11,200.00
1400-1449	Transportation Fees				
1500-1599	Earnings on Investments		500.00	200.00	200.00
1800-1899	Food Service Sales				
1700-1799	Student Activities				
1800-1899	Community Services Activities				
1900-1999	Other Local Sources		29,808.00	24,000.00	12,900.00

**REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES**

			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3210	School Building Aid		19,262.00	17,889.00	19,262.00
3220	Kindergarten Aid				
3230	Catastrophic Aid		0.00	5,202.00	0.00
3240-3249	Vocational Aid				
3250	Adult Education				
3260	Child Nutrition				
3270	Driver Education				
3280-3299	Other State Sources				

**REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES**

			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4100-4539	Federal Program Grants		1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
4540	Vocational Education				
4650	Adult Education				
4560	Child Nutrition		1,925.00	1,925.00	1,925.00
4570	Disabilities Programs				
4580	Medicaid Distribution		0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
4590-4999	Other Federal Sources (except 4610)				
4610	Federal Forest Reserve				

**OTHER FINANCING SOURCES**

5110-5139	Sale of Bonds or Notes				
6221	Transfer from Food Service Special Rev Fund				
6222	Transfer from Other Special Revenue Funds				
5230	Transfer from Capital Project Funds				
5251	Transfer from Capital Reserve Funds				

**Budget School District of Waterville Valley FY2002**

**M526**

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. No.	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr Art. #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenue Current Year	ESTIMATED REVENUE For Ensuing Fiscal Year

**OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (Cont'd)**

5252	Transfer from Expendable Trust Funds				
5253	Transfer from Non-Expendable Trust Funds				
5300-5699	Other Financing Sources				
	<b>Unreserved Fund Balance</b>		25,779.00	36,264.00	20,114.00
5140	This Section for Calculation of RAN's (Reimbursement Anticipation Notes) Per RSA 198:20-D for Catastrophic Aid Borrowing RAN, Revenue This FY _____ less RAN, Revenue Last FY _____ * NET RAN				
	Supplemental Appropriation (Contra)				
	Voted from Fund Balance				
	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes				
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE &amp; CREDITS</b>			<b>89,574.00</b>	<b>99,580.00</b>	<b>68,701.00</b>

**\*\* BUDGET SUMMARY \*\***

<b>SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from page 2)</b>	<b>817,271.00</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 3)</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 3)</b>	<b>included in Subtotal 1</b>
<b>TOTAL Appropriations Recommended</b>	<b>817,271.00</b>
<b>Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues &amp; Credits (from above)</b>	<b>68,701.00</b>
<b>Less: Amount of Cost of Adequate Education (State Tax/Grant)*</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Estimated Amount of Local Taxes to be Raised For Education</b>	<b>748,570.00</b>

\* Note: You will also be required to pay a State Education Tax RSA 78:3 and you may be required to pay an additional excess education tax in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_





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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board  
Waterville Valley School District  
Waterville Valley, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Waterville Valley School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2000, as listed in the table of contents. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Waterville Valley School District management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the General Fixed Assets Account Group, which should be included to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. The amounts that should be recorded in the General Fixed Assets Account Group are not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the general-purpose financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Waterville Valley School District as of June 30, 2000, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The individual and combining fund financial statements and schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements of the Waterville Valley School District. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the generalpurpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

GRZELAK AND COMPANY, P.C.  
Laconia, New Hampshire  
September 22, 2000

A copy of the audited financial statements and other financial information for the 1999-2000 fiscal year may be reviewed at the Superintendent's Office.

## **WATERVILLE VALLEY REGION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL REPORT-2000**

Since its inception in 1972, the Waterville Valley Region Chamber of Commerce has been a primary Resource Center for residents, businesses and visitors coming into our area. The Chamber, whose primary service area covers Campton, Plymouth, Thornton and Waterville Valley, is a Business Membership Association of over 200 members with a stated mission:

“To be a leading force in the business environment, the economic health and general vitality of the Waterville Valley Region”

Close to 60,000 people passed through the doors of our office and Information Center off Exit 28 in 2000, to say nothing of the thousands who either visited the After Hours Kiosk, requested information through the 800-telephone number or inquired by website or e-mail. With grateful thanks to the dynamic volunteers and the Board of Directors, this past year was tremendously successful in preparing the Chamber for the new millennium.

In addition to the programs and services that we have been providing the community and its businesses over the years, the Chamber this past year has been instrumental in creating a region-wide, multi-chamber coalition to further develop the economic opportunities of our collective service communities. This twenty-town, five chamber group called the “New Hampshire Central Commission,” represents over 500 businesses and has established three major goals; to develop a stronger intra-regional awareness through business-to-business networking (Business Expo 2001), market central New Hampshire as a tourism destination (New Hampshire Central Visitors Guide; [www.NHCentral.com](http://www.NHCentral.com)) and finally, to partner with local and regional Economic Development agencies to attract new businesses to our area.

Within our own service area, the Chamber has focused on providing members timely information regarding key state legislative issues through a partnership with the NH Business & Industry Assn. and the Retail Merchants Assn. of NH, supplying promotional leads and opportunities for Travel & Tourism and orchestrating both a short-term “facelift” and long-term plan for renovating the Information Center building. The Chamber has also maintained a prominent position within the Neighborfest Community Center project, charter sponsor of Cub Scouts Pack 58 and local governmental affairs.

Without the support of the Town of Campton, within which the Chamber represents approximately 70 businesses, and its residents, the WVR Chamber of Commerce would never have been able accomplish the progress that it has made. Our sincere appreciation and gratitude goes out to all of you.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christopher J. Bolan,  
Executive Director



